E.P.S. TALK

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SHOCK OR COLLAPSE

THE next major point about injured patients, is in regard to shock or collapse. The first thing to do, of course, is to control the bleeding, as we have already discussed. Keep the patient lying down, or if he has a chest or belly wound. propped up on coats, pillows or cushions. Wrap him up and keep him warm. Put blankets or coats round and underneath him. Put hot bottles outside the blanket to make him warm. Let him smoke if he wants to. Let him drink, and the best drink of all is warm or sweet tea. Ease his pain wherever you can. Cheer and encourage him. If he has a crushed limb, support it on cushions, pillows or coats. If he has a wound in the belly, do not give him anything to drink, not even sips of water to swallow, but you could wipe his mouth and tongue with a damp cloth.

WOUNDS

N dressing a wound that will have to be dealt with in the Aid Post or in hospital, do not put anything on it except a clean, dry dressing, and a bandage. Do not use any water to clean it, or any antiseptics, or anything on any wound that is going to be treated in hospital. For burns you can use either a dry dressing or a dressing wetted with a solution of bicarbonate of soda (that is, ordinary baking soda), and the strength should be one teaspoon to a breakfast cup of warm water. Do not use anything else-no oils or anything on it. Otherwise it will spoil the Hospital's treatment.

TRANSPORT

THE last point is in regard to transport. Provided serious bleeding has been stopped, the urgency of the need of getting the wounded person into hospital is considerably diminished. Care is then much more important than speed. If he is jolted or moved carelessly and treated ungently, it increases his pain and loosens the blood clots; it also increases his shock. Treat him very carefully and gently. Keep him warm and make him as comfortable as is possible. Do not move him at all if you can awoid it. If he can sleep let him. It is the best thing possible for him.

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